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I. Listing of Claims

1-18. Canceled.

19. Canceled

20. Canceled.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[20]] 23, wherein said first knife having cutting means has a continuous cutting edge formed of three parts, a first central part for forming the apex according to the profile P, a second part extending on one side of said first central part for forming the first portion of the first straight side and a third part extending on an opposing side of the first central part for forming the first part of the second straight side.

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22. Canceled.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a contour of a planiform piece for an interior trim of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

cutting said planiform piece with a first cutting means to simultaneously produce at least an apex having a rounded profile P and a first portion of a first straight side extending from said apex, said step of cutting with the first cutting means includes cutting a first portion of a second straight side extending from said apex;

cutting said planiform piece with a second cutting means to produce a second portion of the first straight side, the second cutting means having a different



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configuration than the first means and overlapping a part of the first portion of the first straight side formed by the first cutting means;

cutting said planiform piece using a third cutting means to produce a second portion of the second straight side, the third cutting means overlapping a part of the first portion of the second straight side formed by the first cutting means;

receiving said piece using a support portion such that the piece can be sandwiched, at least over a part of its thickness, between said support and said first, second and third cutting means;

said receiving step receiving said piece with a support having a contour including at least a first part, having a profile substantially identical with that of the cutting edge of the first cutting means, and a second and a third part located on either side of said first part of the contour of the support in the prolongation of the latter and having a profile substantially identical, with that of the cutting edges of the second and third cutting means; and

wherein said first and second cutting means function sequentially and wherein said first and third cutting means function sequentially.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a contour of a planiform piece for an interior trim of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

cutting said planiform piece with a first cutting means to simultaneously produce at least an apex having a rounded profile P and a first portion of a first straight side extending from said apex, said step of cutting with the first cutting means includes cutting a first portion of a second straight side extending from said apex;

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cutting said planiform piece with a second cutting means to produce a second portion of the first straight side, the second cutting means overlapping a part of the first portion of the first straight side formed by the first cutting means;

cutting said planiform piece using a third cutting means to produce a second portion of the second straight side, the third cutting means overlapping a part of the first portion of the second straight side formed by the first cutting means;

receiving said piece using a support portion such that the piece can be sandwiched, at least over a part of its thickness, between said support and said first, second and third cutting means;

actuating said first, second and third cutting means between two positions in relation to said support, such that a first retracted position in which the cutting edges of said first, second and third cutting means are contiguous and in the prolongation of one another, and facing said first, second and third parts of the contour of the support, and wherein a second position in which the cutting edges are in contact with said support, said first cutting means coming to bear, in a first configuration, against said first part of the contour of the support, and said second and third cutting means coming to bear, in a second configuration, against said second and third parts of the contour of the support; and

wherein said first and second cutting means function sequentially and wherein said first and third cutting means function sequentially.

25. Canceled.

26. Canceled.

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27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[26]] 23, wherein cutting said piece using said first knife cutting means further comprises cutting the piece with a first curved knife having a continuous cutting edge formed of three parts, including a first central part for forming the apex, a second and a third part extending on each side said central part, for forming portions of said first and second sides.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[27]] 23, wherein cutting said piece using the first knife cutting means further comprises receiving said piece using a support portion of said first knife such that the piece can be sandwiched, at least over a part of its thickness, between said support and said first cutting means.

29. Canceled.

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[29]] 23, further comprising actuating said first, second and third knives cutting means between two positions in relation to said support, such that a first retracted position in which the cutting edges of said first, second and third knives cutting means are contiguous and in the prolongation of one another, and facing said first, second and third parts of the contour of the support, and wherein a second position in which the cutting edges are in contact with said support, said first knife cutting means coming to bear, in a first configuration, against said first part of the contour of the support, and said second and third knives cutting means coming to bear, in a second configuration, against said second and third parts of the contour of the support.

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